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## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.  
Chapman, V.D.

### MUSKETRY.

Company Sergeant-Majors are requested  
to obtain from Headquarters, as soon as  
possible, the orders made by men in their  
units who were at King's Park on 12th  
and 15th instant.

Musketry, Part II. (Standard Test),  
for all trained men and recruits who  
have not fired it this season, will be  
carried out at King's Park Range on Sun-  
day, 19th inst., at 9.30 a.m. O.C.s, con-  
cerned will see that every member of  
their Company or Section, who has not  
completed his Musketry Course by then,  
fires on the above date. Corp. Grimes,  
R.E., will attend. Uniform (Drill Order)  
to be worn.

### PARADES.

Parades for Friday, 18th instant—  
5.15 p.m.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-sections  
Army, Battery, as detailed in Corps Order  
No. 4 dated 20.12.15—10 p.m. drill at  
Headquarters. Serge. Bradley, R.E., will  
attend.

5.15 p.m.—Detachment drill at Head-  
quarters, under Lieut.-Major Whitehead.  
5.30 p.m.—Engineers Co.—Squad drill  
and Musketry exercises at Victoria Col-  
lege Club Ground, under Serge-Major  
Hicks.

7.15 p.m.—Squad Company—Parade  
outside Law Courts and proceed to Polo  
Ground by train for Squad and Company  
drill.

5.30 p.m.—Musketry instruction on  
Kennedy Road for the following—  
Det. H.T. Pender (Right Sec. M.G. Coy),  
Det. H.T. Arnold (Left Sec. M.G. Coy),  
and Det. E. Davidson and R. A. Donald  
(Scouts Coy). Uniform (Drill Order) to  
be worn. Section rifles to be carried.  
Corp. Grimes, R.E., will attend.

### DETAIL.

On duty tonight: H.K.V.R.

On duty tomorrow night: Right Sec.  
Det. M.G. Coy.

On duty 18th instant: No. 2 Section  
Army, Battery.

Orderly Officer from tomorrow morn-  
ing to 24th inst.: Lieut. C. Smith.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

Major Waleman, Commanding H.K.V.R.

PARADES FOR TO-MORROW at 5.15 p.m.  
"A" and "B" Co. on the road outside the Law  
Courts. Dress: drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Head-  
quarters. Uniform to be worn.

### FIELD FIRING.

Field firing will be carried out by  
members of "A" Co. on Sunday, the  
19th inst. Hongkong residents will  
parade on the Cricket Ground at 8.45 a.m.  
and Kowloon residents and the Tai-  
koo Section will parade at the Wharf, Old  
Kowloon Coy. at 9.20 a.m. Dress: drill  
order. Food to be carried in havers,  
sacks, and water-carriers to be filled.  
Great coats optional. All engineers, in-  
cluding exempted teachers but, excluding  
recruits who have not fired Parts I, and  
the Musketry Course for recruits, must  
attend. Fire signals as detailed by  
Serge. Mitchell will also attend.

### PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING

MARCH 20th.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground on  
Monday, the 20th inst., Wednesday, the  
22nd inst., and Thursday, the 23rd inst.,  
at 5.15 p.m., under Drill Instructor Serge.  
Osberry. Dress: drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Head-  
quarters on Monday, the 20th inst.,  
Wednesday, the 22nd inst., and Friday,  
the 24th inst., at 5.15 p.m. Uniform to  
be worn.

"A" and "B" Co. will parade on  
the road outside the Law Courts on  
Friday, the 24th inst., at 5.15 p.m., for  
battalion drill. Kowloon Dock and Tai-  
koo Sections will parade on the Polo  
Ground at 5.30 p.m. Dress: drill order.

### MUSKETRY.

All members of "D" Co. who have  
not fired Parts I, and II, Musketry Course  
for recruits will attend at King's Park  
Range on Wednesday, the 22nd instant,  
at 2.15 p.m. Dress: drill order.

The following members will also at-  
tend—Ptes. A. E. Crapnell, D. Clark,  
J. W. White, D. W. Trautman, A. E.  
Wood, H. S. Eagle, W. J. Hodge, H.  
J. Slett, W. H. Spill, J. Hunter, H.  
Tanner, S. W. Brown, and W. H. Hewitt.  
Dress: drill order.

### PROMOTIONS.

Pte. A. W. Bliss, late Co. Serge-Major  
R.G.A., is promoted to the rank of  
Sergeant.

Lieut. A. G. Gibson is promoted  
to the rank of Lance-Sergeant.

### POSTINGS.

Serge. J. Osberry is posted to No. 7  
Platoon "B" Co. as platoon Sergeant.

Serge. A. W. Bliss is posted to No. 8  
Platoon "B" Co. as platoon Sergeant.

### DISCIPLINE.

Members are reminded that all parades  
are compulsory. Any member absent  
from any parade without leave will be  
required to do extra drills or guard duty.

### NOTICE.

The photograph of "A" Co. of the  
organization will not be taken on Friday,  
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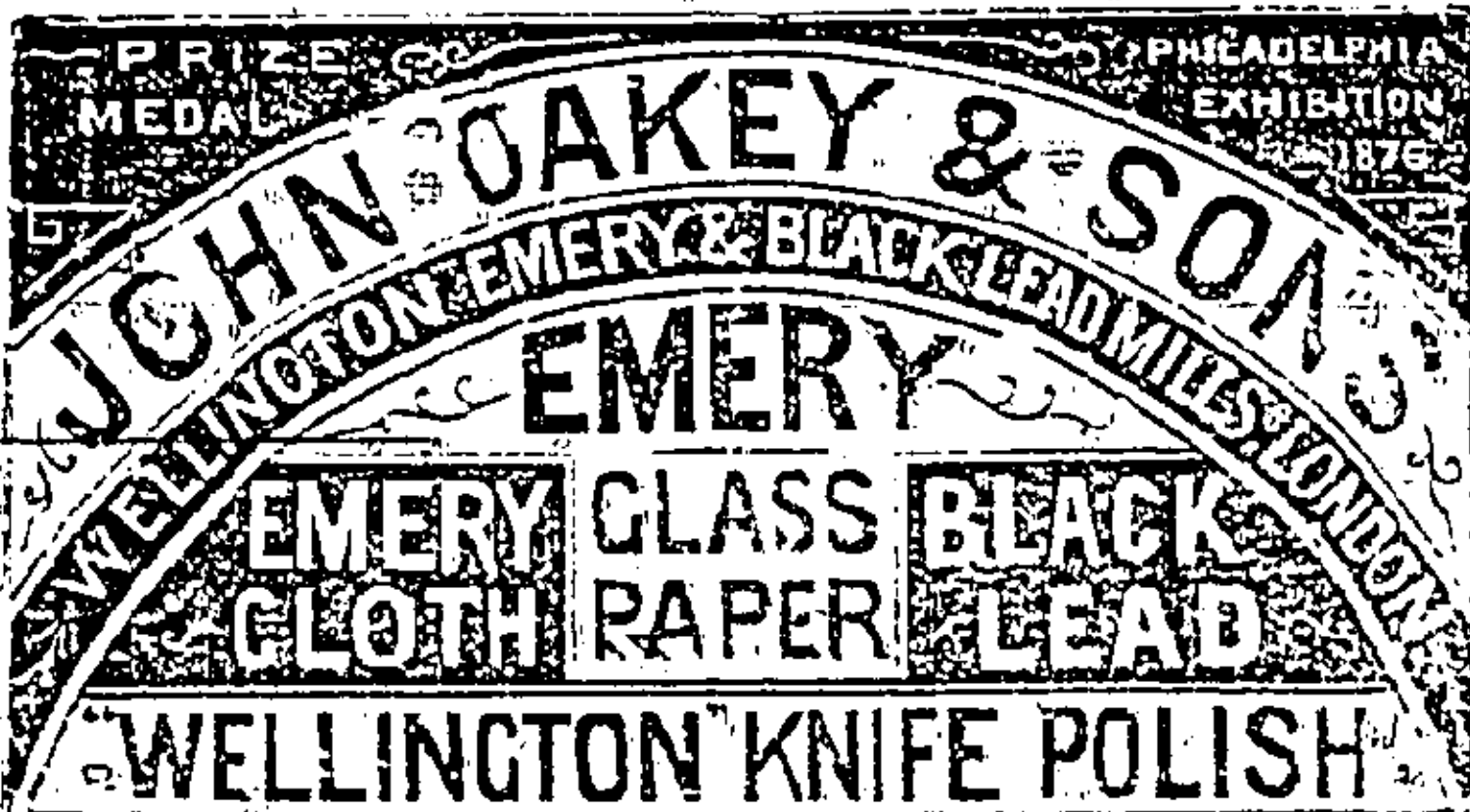
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Chronicle" Special Correspondent, writ-  
ing from Odessa on January 22, said:Yesterday, seaward-gazing idlers saw  
on the horizon a black dog of smoke trail-  
ing from the funnels of a destroyer flotilla  
which had returned from a tour south-  
ward along the enemy coast, where the  
North Sea blockade of German commerce  
has its counterpart in these inland waters.The flotilla reported that 170 enemy  
vessels had been sunk with their cargoes.  
Shots were exchanged with the Turks  
and a close reconnaissance effected of  
the united entrances of the Bulgarian  
ports and waters along the Bosphorus,  
where the "Goeben" had been sighted  
with her extraordinary escort of small craft.The Russian naval task in the Black  
Sea is twofold—firstly, to prevent the  
establishment of sea communication be-  
tween Turkey and the Bulgarian ports,  
which the Germans have repeatedly en-  
deavored to establish; secondly, to inter-  
rupt the transport of supplies, chiefly  
coal, between the Anatolian ports and  
Constantinople.In fulfillment of the former duty, de-  
stroyers "looted" and examined the mine-  
field at Varna, where, at the outer belt  
of mines, several more were recovered  
and towed to new positions, thus reduc-  
ing the whole plan of the minefield to  
hopeless complication, and rendering dan-  
gerous any attempt by the enemy ships  
of a sortie or attack.The presence of Russian destroyers off  
Varna was notified to the inhabitants by  
three gunshots—a signal to take cover  
against a possible bombardment.It is stated from Rumanian sources that  
since a battleship shelled the town the  
inhabitants and troops have been kept  
busy constructing underground bomb-  
proof shelters.German orders forbid the inhabitants  
to evacuate the place, but several hun-  
dreds have made their way over the  
frontier to Dobruja (Rumania).Similar work on a smaller scale is  
attempted in the Bosphorus, where Tur-  
kish warships and minelayers are occu-  
pied incessantly under the guns of the  
"Goeben."This famous ship is the subject of con-  
flicting accounts. Some officers state that  
she shows the effects of repeated injuries,  
and now only steams half-speed. Several  
of her guns were transferred to the Dar-  
danelles, and she has now a blind-  
side point of approach, whence her fire  
is weaker than elsewhere.Other reports, however, affirm that her  
speed is still 24 knots, which enabled her  
to escape recently from a Russian battle-  
ship when she, otherwise, was doomed.

REMARKS.

The inactive activity of the limited  
floating force of the Bosphorus is a proof  
of the Russian mastery of the Black Sea.The sinking of freight ships scattered  
along the southern coast eastward of the  
Bosphorus. "Near the coast town of  
Kedron, on January 17, at dawn, scouts  
reported sighting a large convoy, accom-  
panied by an armed merchant steamer,  
the convoy including motor vessels, tow-  
ing other, mostly characteristic small  
Turkish sailing vessels and a few larger  
and modern vessels.The morning sea was calm, and the  
convoy was seen from a great  
distance. The Russian commander  
endeavored to get within range, but was  
repelled by the armed ship, which forthwith  
steamed off, running before the wind.The belt of mines, under fire of the  
destroyers. It is believed, she was hit  
twice.The motor vessels numbered two, and  
both immediately cast off their tow and  
attempted to run ashore, but were  
promptly sunk by gunfire. The crews  
were taken off.The sailing vessels, to the number of  
101, were a strange spectacle that day  
on the still sea. The crews, for miles,  
were launching boats and leaving the  
ships while the black destroyers stood by  
and sank the abandoned vessels.

1,500 ships sunk.

This is now a matter of routine, the  
Russians having sunk nearly 1,500 of  
these craft since the war began. They  
have perfected means of blowing them  
up quickly. This particular enterprise  
was carried out without a single fatality.  
This region along the coast is now the  
graveyard of Turkish ships.A tentative estimate of the damage the  
Russians have inflicted upon the enemy  
in the Black Sea, not including warships  
and fortifications, is put at £10,000,000.  
The last merchant vessel which navigated  
these war-torn waters is a Belgian  
steamer, which has just arrived here  
from the Danube, having risked the mines  
and submarines.Turkish and German naval strength  
has recently been reinforced by a number  
of aeroplanes which went to the north of  
the Bosphorus, and also along the coast,  
while Zeppelins hitherto kept at Rus-  
tchuk, as a threat to Rumania, have now  
appeared at Varna.

## A MODERN JONAH.

SURVIVOR OF THREE DISASTERS  
BOYCOTTED.A seaman, Charles Dunn, who survived  
in succession the Titanic, Empress of  
Ireland, and Lusitania disasters, told his  
experiences to the Liverpool magistrates,  
before whom he was charged last month  
with failing to join an Admiralty transport  
on January 31.Pleading guilty, the defendant said he  
had served in the liner Titanic and the  
Empress of Ireland, both of which foundered  
at sea, and also in the Lusitania and the  
Floriana, which were torpedoed by German  
submarines. In consequence of these ex-  
periences he said, "seamen regarded him  
as a Jonah," and a disturbance arose on the  
transport over his ill luck. He alleged that  
other seamen threatened to throw him  
overboard if he dared to make a trip in the  
transport. He therefore left the ship and  
joined the Royal Naval Reserve, but was  
discharged as being unfit for further  
service.The Stipendiary: "I think that a man  
who has been through so much, deserves  
some consideration at the hands of the  
magistrate. I shall therefore bind you  
over to be of good behaviour; but if you  
get into any further trouble you will not  
be let off again."The Man Who  
Gets There.It's the man who has blood—  
real rich red blood and  
plenty of it—in his body.WATERBURY'S  
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## INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-  
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.THE 34th ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS  
in the above COMPANY will be held at  
the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 87, GOSWELL  
BUILDING, Chater Road, Victoria, on  
SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, at  
11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the  
purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts and the Report of the General  
Managers for the year ending 31st  
December, 1915, and electing a Consulting  
Committee and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COM-  
PANY will be CLOSED on MONDAY  
the 20th March to SATURDAY, the 25th  
March, 1916, both days inclusive.SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 11, 1916.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-  
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an  
Extraordinary General Meeting of  
THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-  
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED will be  
held at St. George's Building, Chater  
Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong  
on the Sunday the 25th day of March,  
1916 at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon when  
the Subjoined Extraordinary Resolution  
will be proposed:—That the Articles of Association of the  
Company be altered in manner following:—(a) That after the word "Company" in  
the 18th line of Article 110 the  
following words shall be added:—"The General Managers may also  
with the consent of the Consulting  
Committee pay such bonus or  
bonuses as the General Managers  
"shall think fit."(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses"  
shall be inserted immediately after  
the word "Dividend" in the 18th line  
of Article 110.(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall  
be inserted immediately after the  
word "Dividend" in the first line of  
Article 115.Should the above Resolution be passed by  
the requisite majority, it will be submitted  
for confirmation as a Special Resolution to  
a further Extraordinary General Meeting  
which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1916.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of  
the General Managers at 11.30 A.M. on  
TUESDAY, 28th instant to receive a  
Statement of the Company's Accounts to  
31st December, 1915 and the report of the  
General Managers.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 14th to  
28th instant both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 8, 1916.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS  
will be held at the Office of the Under-  
signed, at Noon on TUESDAY, the 28th  
instant.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 14th to  
28th instant, both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 2, 1916.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the above Company will be  
held at the Office of the General Agents,  
Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the  
29th March at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose  
of receiving the Report and Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st  
December, 1915.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 18th to  
31st March, both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 13, 1916.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the above Company will be  
held at the Office of the General Agents,  
Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the  
31st March at 10.30 A.M. for the purpose  
of receiving the Report and Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st  
December, 1915.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 18th to  
31st March, both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 13, 1916.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the  
COLONIAL (HONGKONG) REGISTER  
of the Companies will be CLOSED from  
TUESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1916, to  
WEDNESDAY, 19th APRIL, 1916, both  
days INCLUSIVE.By Order of the Board of Directors.  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 13, 1916.

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH YEARLY  
GENERAL MEETING of the  
Members of the HONGKONG CLUB  
will be held in the Club House, on  
MONDAY, the 27th March, 1916, at  
8.30 P.M.By Order,  
E. DES VOEUX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1916.

## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH HALF YEAR-  
LY DRAWING of 65 Debentures  
(1896 issue) of the HONGKONG CLUB,  
PAYABLE on FRIDAY, the 31st March,  
will be held in the Club House at 11  
o'clock A.M. on FRIDAY, the 24th March,  
1916.Benevolents of Debentures are invited to  
attend the Drawing.By Order,  
E. DES VOEUX,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1916.

## LEE YEE'S

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ON

FRIDAY,

the 17th March, 1916, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

AS AN ASSORTMENT OF  
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE.

Comprising—  
Sideboard, Dining Wagon, Dining Tables and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofa, Arm-chairs, etc., Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Double and Single Brass and Brass-mounted Bedsteads, etc., Miscellaneous Furniture, several lots of Blackwood Ware, 2 Carpets, Two Pianos, a few lots of Pekinese Cloisonne, Porcelains, etc., etc., and a number of Small Folding Chairs, etc., etc.

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Hongkong, March 11, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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ON

WEDNESDAY,

the 22nd March, 1916, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

ABOUT 100 CASES OF PAINT,

Consisting of—  
White and Blue Yacht Paint, Dark Lead Color, Wood and Iron Paint, Yellow Antifouling, etc., etc., etc.

TERMS—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, March 13, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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ON

THURSDAY,

the 23rd March, 1916, at 11 a.m., at the Army Service Corps Barracks Dept. Enclosure, opposite H.M.S. Dockyard Gate, Queen's Road, SUNDAY MESS FURNITURE,

Consisting of—  
Writing Tables, Washstands, Arm chairs, Capstans, Meat Scales, etc., etc.

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On view from the 22nd inst.

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Hongkong, March 4, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ONE DINNERS SERVICE AND ONE SET OF GLASSWARE, RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE STORES, LONDON.

Particulars may be had from the Undersigned.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ONE DINNERS SERVICE AND ONE SET OF GLASSWARE, RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE STORES, LONDON.

Particulars may be had from the Undersigned.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 7, 1916.

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## AUCTIONS.

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

THE SALE of FURNITURE, etc., etc., at Ridge House, Broadwood Road, on WEDNESDAY Next has been postponed.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 13, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ON

FRIDAY,

the 17th March, 1916, at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

TWO LARGE TIENTSIN CARPETS AND 2 RUGS.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 14, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ON

SATURDAY,

the 18th March, 1916, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

STRAW HATS, PANAMA HATS, FE T HATS, AND CAPS, NEW STOCK.

Also

A Number of Cases of FRENCH MUSHROOMS.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 15, 1916.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

ON

TUESDAY,

the 21st March, 1916, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Also

1 L.r. Bath, Two Pianos (Collard and Collard and Sterling) (in good condition), Electric Reading Lamps, 4-fold Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture, and a number of Silver Articles, 3 Duplicators with Accessories, etc., etc., etc.

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Hongkong, March 15, 1916.

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## INTIMATIONS

G. R.

### NOTICE.

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All craft are warned to pass outside 100 yards from this vessel and all steamers must ease their engines to slow when passing within 500 yards of her. When the Dredger is working she will fly by day a red burgee from after-mast and by night 2 red lights, one at each mast-head.

C. W. BECKWITH,

Commander, R.N.,

Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department,

Hongkong, March 11, 1916.

### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

A COMPETITION will be held over the FAN LING COURSE commencing on 1st April for a prize kindly presented by H. E. the Governor.

Match play in 4 holes. Limited to handicaps of 12 and over.

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Intending competitors are requested to sign their names on the boards at Happy Valley or Fan Ling or to send same in writing to the Undersigned, C/o Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd. not later than the 25th instant.

T. W. HILL,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1916.

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## THE OLDEST THING IN CHINA.

In concluding the fourth of a series of articles, entitled "A Traveller in China's Wild North West," appearing in the "N.C. Daily News," Mr. Rodney Gilbert writes—

I passed on the road to Salyuan what are possibly the oldest human monuments extant in China. These are the earth pyramids which mark the graves of the Chow (some say Shang) sovereigns. I was told on all hands that the truncated mounds, which still contrive to maintain their pyramidal outlines, were 3,000 years old. But all figures regarding them must be as vague and uncertain as the history and memory of the potentates whose ashes they cover. Nevertheless it is interesting to remember when standing before these tumuli, that Chinese products—notably silks—have been found at early Egyptian tombs, proving at least indirect traffic between remote corners of the East in very early times. And one might assume, without much fear of contradiction, that the pyramids which cover the Chows were modelled after the more substantial ones that weigh down the Pharaohs. About 30 ft. from Hsian I passed a mound which in its excellent preservation of the pyramidal lines and its great size was really worthy of a place among the lesser Egyptian monuments. Without measuring it I estimated at the time that it was at least 250 ft. square at the base and though truncated by rain, nearly 100 ft. high.

Another city of heroic memories in the Hsian district is Hsienyang, 50 ft. west of the capital by a ford of the Wei River. There, in a little temple, are preserved the very holy sword, lance and spear of Chung Fu, the son of the great brother of Lin Pui and Kuan Ti, God of War, both of whom usually figure in any Chinese theatrical performance that the foreigner is likely to witness.

When I had viewed these huge relics with awe, and passed past them at the black-faced statue of the national hero, I almost forgot that, besides being the repository of this rusty hardware, poor little Hsienyang was once China's proudest capital. For here lived and ruled Chin Shihuang, of mingled praise and infamy.

Here he built his palace of a thousand apartments, so that he could sleep in a different room every night and escape his familiar demons. Here, perhaps, he burned the Confucian classics and massacred the scholars. From this little city of wattle and mud he directed his conquering armies and the 100,000 slaves who built the Great Wall of China. In Hsienyang he perfected his system of government which crushed Chinese feudalism 2,200 years ago and shaped for the first time a homogeneous China.

During the two days that I languished in Hsienyang, vainly probing for some faint memory of all this volatile grandeur, I never got further back than Chang Kai and seldom got deeper into conversation with the drowsy natives than the price of opium. There one must reconstruct his own memories and expect no help from the moderns, but every incipient archaeologist must also speculate upon what a few picked and shovels might turn up from the broad, dusty plain in which Hsienyang does in fifth and fifthly.

## CHINESE RED CROSS SOCIETY.

CARING FOR 3,000 WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

The Shanghai Red Cross Society, the "China Press" says, is now facing the hard problem of raising a considerable sum of money to meet the expenses of its branch hospitals in the cities within the war zone in Szechuen, Hunan, Kweichow and Kwangsi. Every day telegrams are received from these provinces requesting financial help.

There are over 3,000 wounded soldiers now in Red Cross hospitals in Hunan and Szechuen. All the expenses are to be paid by the Red Cross Society. The government thus far has not paid a cent for the care of the wounded soldiers. The people in Szechuen and Hunan being in such a state of unrest will not be able to contribute much, and the Shanghai people bring so far from the war zone do not contribute very much. In short, the expense is great and the contributions few, and it is the sincere hope of the Red Cross Society that the charitable inclined will come forward and help.

Since the outbreak in Yunnan twenty-two branch offices of the Society have been established in Szechuen, Hunan, Kweichow and Kwangsi. Almost every child in the vicinity of the war zone is used as a hospital. This is not only good for the wounded soldiers, but prevents the cholera as well. The wounded soldiers are also staying in the Christian schools. As a matter of fact the establishment of the Red Cross Hospitals in Christian schools has helped to preserve the foreign missionaries.

It is stated also that there seems to have been a fight near Changchun in Hunan. Telegrams have been received from that part of the country requesting the immediate dispatch of doctors and asking for the organization of a Red Cross branch there. To this the head office here has given its consent. Mr. Hsueh Hsiangling has been elected director to take charge of this branch.

The Red Cross Society experiences great difficulty in sending medicine to the interior. It has arranged with Szechuen merchants to send the medicine along with their merchandise but so far they have not been able to send much.

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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

St. Patrick's Day.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Tintin Carpets and Rugs at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

Today, March 15—  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Tishan".

Tuesday, March 21—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Crockery, Glass etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Wednesday, March 22—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Paint at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

Thursday, March 23—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Mess Furniture, Billiard Table and Piano at A.S.C. Barracks, Queen's Road.

Friday, March 24—  
11 a.m.—Dinner of Hongkong Club Debentures.

Saturday, March 25—  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co's Meeting.  
11.45 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co's Extraordinary Meeting.  
8 p.m.—Volunteer Sergeants' Mess Dinner at Hongkong Hotel.

Sunday, March 26—  
2.30 p.m.—Hongkong Club General Meeting.

Monday, March 27—  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co's Meeting.  
11.30 a.m.—China Sugar Refining Co's Meeting.

Tuesday, March 28—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.  
11.30 a.m.—China Sugar Refining Co's Meeting.

Wednesday, March 29—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.  
11.30 a.m.—China Sugar Refining Co's Meeting.

Thursday, March 30—  
11.30 a.m.—Luzon Sugar Refining Co's Meeting.

Friday, March 31—  
11.30 a.m.—Luzon Sugar Refining Co's Meeting.

VISITING CARDS

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Catholic Church at Sai Wan Ho is reported to have been broken into and articles valued at \$18, stolen. The report was made by Father W. Page.

The box of clothing and jewellery reported lost by the Rev. Mr. Lucas, a passenger on a steamer passing through, has been recovered.

We learn that telegraphic news was received in the Colony this morning that freights from America have risen to \$40 gold per ton, from \$18 to \$17 gold per ton charged on last shipment received. This, of course, will affect American goods on the Hongkong market considerably.

An announcement is made in another column that the ladies of the Colony are giving a little entertainment to the crew of I.L.M.'s ship on Saturday afternoon, when they will be sported at the Naval Yard followed by a tea at the City Hall. We understand that Lady May has kindly consented to distribute the prizes and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of the public. It is announced that donations towards the fund will be thankfully received by Mr. N. J. Straub.

Mr. F. D. Haigh, who has been nine years at the Hongkong Branch of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh has been transferred to the head office at Shanghai. He left for the north on Tuesday. Mr. Haigh was a most active and popular member of the Kowloon Cricket Club and in token of the high esteem in which he was held he was presented, on behalf of the Club, with a Thermos flask and a case of pipes. Mr. P. R. Wolfe, Vice-President of the Club, made the presentation.

Rear Admiral Anstruther attended an enjoyable concert at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home last evening. The programme was headed by the Naval Band and consisted of which Mr. H. C. Lister is the secretary. The contributors to the programme included Miss C. Scott, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. D. Brown (singer), Messrs R. Sutherland, A. J. Brock, Perrin, A. B. Allen, and A. E. Stanley (singer), Mr. J. Robson (singer), Mr. R. White (violin solo), Mr. P. D. Wilson (bass solo), and the Brothers White (banjo duo), and Mr. H. Dunn (recitation). The Messrs Stanley and Scott, and Messrs Perrin and Haigh provided the accompaniment.

## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

DIVIDEND OF 14%.

The Directors of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China at the approaching Meeting of Shareholders will recommend a dividend for the half-year ended 31st December 1915 of 14% (making 14% for the year) free of income tax, that \$25,000 be written off Premises Account, \$180,000 be appropriated to meet any further depreciation on securities, and \$120,000 to be carried forward as undivided profits.

## HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

The Report of the General Managers for the year 1915 is as follows:—  
Including \$6,210.83 brought forward from 1914, and after deducting \$13,000 paid as interim dividend at the rate of \$2.00 per share on 24th Aug. 1915, the balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$80,573.87, which it is proposed should be appropriated as follows:—  
Pay final dividend of \$4.00 per share \$80,573.87  
Provision for Contingencies Account 15,000.00  
To write off Launch and Lighter 6,000.00  
To carry forward to new account 6,423.87  
\$80,573.87

## CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Dr. J. W. NOLAN resumed his seat on the Board on his return to the Colony. Sir PAUL CHATER and Dr. J. W. NOLAN offer themselves for re-election.

The account of the late Mr. J. A. M. WILLIAMS, J.S.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

JARVIS, MATTHEW & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1916.

## HONGKONG'S WAR PRISONERS.

The guard of the Shropshire Light Infantry, who escorted the German and Austrian prisoners from Hongkong to Australia, arrived back in the Colony yesterday.

The trip down south was devoid of interest. The behaviour of the prisoners was good and there was no occasion to administer stringent measures. The rumour that a particular prisoner died en route is entirely incorrect.

We learn that Major Alexander who accompanied the guard had his arm broken in a train smash that occurred in Tasmania. The officer did not return yesterday.

## A LIFE SAVER.

It is a fact that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known all over the civilized world for its speedy cures of colic in the stomach, diarrhoea and all intestinal pains. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## SPORTING.

## TENNIS MATCHES.

INTERESTING GAMES IN HONGKONG TOURNAMENT.

The professional pairs' match last evening in connection with the Hongkong Tennis Tournament attracted a large attendance. The game was between S. E. Green and A. A. Clifton against H. A. Nibbel and A. M. G. Fletcher, and was the most important fixture yet to be played this season. The game was hotly contested and the odds were quite even at the end of the second set when each pair had a set to their credit. Green and Clifton were a clever combination and forcing the pace in the third set outplayed Nibbel and Fletcher by six games to two.

Details of matches played last evening are appended:—

HANDICAP SINGLES "A."  
N. E. Kent (own 153) gets a walk over from F. W. Cary (own 152).

Captain Miller Jones (rec. 151) beat R. J. Varney (rec. 34) 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

C. F. Maltby (rec. 34) beat R. O. Hottelton (rec. 20) 6-3, 6-3.

J. A. Ridgway (rec. 44) beat A. Morse (rec. 34) 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.

Dr. Lindsey Woods (scr.) beat E. Davidson (own 15) 8-6, 6-2.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.  
A. L. Green and R. A. Brand (own 2-3) beat H. T. Jackson and E. B. Reed (rec. 15-3) 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

A. C. Leith and H. E. Muriel (rec. 15) beat W. P. O. Tisdall and F. Kitchin Smith (rec. 6-4) 6-3, 6-4.

D. G. Chasman and S. R. Walker (rec. 15-3) beat Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and G. Hastings (rec. 15) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Capt. Hammond and J. W. Frazer (rec. 4-6) beat F. W. Cary and Dr. Koch (rec. 2-6) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

PROFESSIONAL PAIRS.  
S. E. Green and A. A. Clifton beat H. A. Nibbel and A. M. G. Fletcher, 6-4, 5-7, 8-2.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.  
Miss Gordon and P. P. J. Woodhouse (rec. 15-3) beat W. G. Worcester and Mrs. Gompertz (rec. 3-6) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Miss Wilkinson and S. H. Dowell (own 4-6) beat Mrs. McPherson and J. R. Wood (rec. 2-6) 7-5, 6-0.

Lieut. Hamilton and Mrs. Laws (own 15-1) beat Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Cooper-Hunt (own 15) 6-2, 7-5.

Mrs. O. D. Lambert and G. W. Sewell (own 3-6) beat J. R. and Mrs. Graves 6-1, 6-3.

Capt. and Mrs. Haywood (own 3-6) beat Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith (rec. 5-6) 6-2, 6-2.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.  
A. H. Crook beat Jose M. de Lopes, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

## FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. R.E.

This match will be played on Saturday—kick off at 4.15:—

H.K.F.C.—J. Rodger, F. Dickie, J. McCubbin, M. L. Ralston, J. Stewart, W. A. Vivesh, J. McNeill, G. A. Robinson, A. N. Oher, H. E. McTavish and J. Stalker.

THANKS TO THE LADIES OF HONGKONG.

THE GIFTS OF CLOTHING.

The following letters have been received by Lady May:—

Dear Lady May.—The Officer Commanding No. 1 Mountain Battery H.K.S. Bn., R.G.A. has written asking me to convey his thanks and those of his Indian Officers, N.C.O.s, and men to the ladies of Hongkong for their kindness in working for them to date, prior to their departure for active service, and to say that all the articles have been in a constant use, and are very greatly appreciated.—Yours sincerely,

S. Clifford Lewis, Maj. R.G.A. commanding H.K.S. Bn. R.G.A., Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, 14th March, 1916.

Dear Madam.—Please accept our very sincere thanks for four parcels of garments just received from Messrs. Shaw, Thomas & Co., from the ladies of Hongkong. We are very grateful for them, as in spite of the abundance of work and the good pay for war workers, there are still many people who need help, owing to the great rise in the price of all necessities of life, such as food, coal, and warm clothing. These little comforts have remained almost stationary, while others have lost their price. I have never seen so many people in the war. We have sent nearly 5,000 men from Hongkong to the front—indeed there do not appear to be any young men here out of uniform. The mid winter has now given way to very cold weather, and the clothing will be most appreciated. I have already distributed all the children's woollen in our Nursery, and others to be put to use.

I hope you will kindly convey our thanks to all the ladies who have helped to collect the parcels.

We have not issued a report since the war, owing to the absence at the front of our Hon. Treasurer (since killed), our Hon. Secretary and several members of the Council, some of whom have been wounded and killed. But I enclose an issued shortly before the outbreak of hostilities.—Believe me, Yours sincerely,

BEATRICE VIVIAN.  
Maurice Hotel.  
Christian Social Union Settlement,  
Haiton, N.S., 8th Feb., 1916.

TRouble Averted.

That little old and old friend of yours must be checked, if once or it may do you some good. Take a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, your trouble will soon vanish. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## THE SITUATION IN S. W. CHINA.

## THE LESSON OF THE CAMPAIGN.

The Peking Gazette says:—

While a great deal of "mystery" still exists respecting the campaign in the South, the strategy of the Northern General Staff is beginning to appear to observers. The plan, when fully developed, will probably consist of a general attack from four directions. The two forces now operating in the regions of Suifu and Luochow will probably advance—the former in the direction of Chongqing (Yunnan) and the latter in the direction of Pichow—to meet daily at Weining and then march on to Huanan and Yunnanfu. The third force, now operating in the regions of Chikang (Szechuan) and doing the most important fighting, has for its objective the city of Kueiyang, the capital of Kueichow, which is to be used as the base of the advance troops in the general attack on Yunnanfu from the east. The fourth force, whose commander Ma Chitang has just died, has also for its objective the city of Kueiyang. This force, if the general plan develops favourably, will no doubt be of great value to the troops under General Chang Chiao-yao.

The fifth force, under the command of General Lung Chin-kuang will advance due west from the city of Pichow, in Kuangsi, until it strikes the Yunnan-Annam railway, along which the Government troops hope to march against the city of Yunnanfu.

AN EXONERATION TAKEN.

On paper such a plan seems excellent and capable of realisation under any circumstances so long as the Peking General Staff has enough men and ammunition available. In fact, however, the success of such a plan is not a little doubtful. In order to assess the exact value of two opposing forces, the only method is carefully to weigh their respective strength as revealed in actual fighting. Let us, therefore, take a brief survey of the fighting qualities of the two groups of forces now facing each other. To begin with the force at Suifu, there is no need to point out that men for men the Szechuan troops are no match for the Yunnanese. In several battles, when the number of Szechuan troops was two or three times that of the Yunnanese, the former have been badly beaten. The taking of the city of Suifu was not accomplished, until the Szechuan were reinforced with no less than three times their original number i.e. about a total of 10,000 men with an overwhelming number of guns and machine-guns. At the city of Luichow about 10,000 Yunnanese, after a desperate fighting, succeeded in taking the city from about 40,000 Yunnanese, while the Yunnanese in the guerrilla warfare before Nanchi succeeded in holding the Northern troops for two weeks within a terrain less than ten miles square. The Northern troops, however, succeeded in last pushing the Yunnanese back and have nearly retaken two of their captured cities; but in not a single case did they succeed until their number reached 10,000. The same state of affairs practically exists on every other front. At Chikang and other points of the Yunnan-Kuei troops have been fighting with about three or four regular brigades of Northern troops and holding their ground tenaciously. In the province of Hunan, the Northern troops have succeeded in capturing five cities including a great industrial town. In the south west the troops under Lung Chin-kuang lingered near Nanning for a month and later for about two weeks at Pochow before any attempt was made to invade Yunnan. Had they wished to advance they would have enough troops to take the city of Po Yai have been poorly garrisoned. They, however, waited for reinforcements before moving. It will be seen that the Northern troops appear to rely entirely upon numbers and superior equipment, while the Yunnan-Kuei troops, being ridiculously smaller in comparison, have to depend upon superior tactics.

100,000 TROOPS WILL BE NECESSARY.

According to the estimate of a certain Chinese military authority at least 100,000 Northern troops will be needed if anything like a real impression is to be made on the campaign. This estimate is by no means extravagant. While we consider that it takes about 30,000 troops merely to push back the Yunnanese from the territory of Szechuan at only two different points, Suifu and Luochow, the question may be asked how many more will be needed to overcome the Yunnanese on the border of their own territory, where they will certainly fight with great advantage in consequence of their intimate knowledge of the terrain. As the campaign develops more troops will be wanted to hold the extended front; and this will at least bring the total requirement up to not fewer than 100,000.

RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS.

It is said that the despatch of 100,000 men, if that is absolutely necessary, will not be difficult as this will only be debiting by about one-fifth the total military strength of China. The question of despatching 120,000 men from 300,000 or 500,000 troops is not insuperable, except that when this is done the revolutionaries will certainly have a better opportunity to rise in those provinces where the best soldiers have been withdrawn. Although they may be replaced by recruits, as is being done in Chihli, Shantung, Honan and Hapsh, the Government cannot ignore the danger of such a step. Recruits enrolled in haste are certainly not to be trusted in a serious crisis; and if they are put to fighting, they will certainly be more liable to be influenced by revolutionary agents. Then there are the questions of supplies and finance. As to the former the Peking Government certainly has no difficulty in securing the necessary funds to carry on the campaign and meet all foreign obligations as well as the cost of administration. The Yunnan-Kuei troops are reported to be by no means well off. Their supplies are scanty and their equipment is old. With the Peking Government has to look to itself to raise the necessary funds to carry on the campaign and meet all foreign obligations as well as the cost of administration. The Yunnan-Kuei troops are reported to be by no means well off. Their supplies are scanty and their equipment is old.

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## ALLEGED THEFT OF IRON.

## SUCCESSFUL POINTS RAISED IN DEFENCE.

Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon continued the hearing of a charge against four Chinese of stealing a quantity of scrap iron from the Kowloon Docks.

Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, representing the first and third defendants, said that originally there were five defendants. Four people, who were not identified, were seen carrying iron and five persons were arrested. One person must therefore be innocent and his witness could not point to which one was innocent. There was evidence that the co-swain and engineer were in charge of the launch and no one knew where those men were. There was no evidence, he submitted, on which his Worship could convict. The two men who were not identified might well have been two of the four men who were seen carrying iron. Mr. Grist added he had considered the case very carefully and he would take the bull by the horns and not call any witnesses.

Mr. G. K. E. Burton, for the other two defendants, said he had very little to add to what Mr. Grist had said. His Worship could not say to any particular defendant "you are guilty" or "you are innocent" because he could not decide which people were actually guilty. Mr. Burton said he would call no evidence.

Mr. Wood, after recalling certain evidence, said the position was very much the same. The evidence had been insufficient to all along and defendants would be discharged.

THE SHIPPING PROBLEM.

A recent issue of The Times, says:—

We are glad to see signs that the various suggestions put forward in these columns for solving the shipping problem are bearing fruit. The Government are moving towards a stronger system of control. The labour in high freights and profits lack of tonnage, and co-gested ports, is no longer limited to the circles directly concerned. An instance of the present state of the shipping business, which we quoted about a fortnight ago, caught the attention of the public and there is reason to think that the authorities are well. The steamship "Blumner", valued at the present time at \$25,000, had just been chartered on a contract which was estimated to bring in excess profits—i.e. profits over and above the average of normal times—of the extent of no less than \$20,000 for twelve months' working. Half of this gigantic war profit would fall to the Treasury; but even after this half had been deducted, the owner's share would still amount in a single year to considerably more than the total capital value of the ship.

In the light of this and other examples we have always held that the Government would be entirely justified if they decided using the shipping industry more nearly into line with war conditions. There is no excess profits are already paid to the extent of 80 per cent. Probably it is not to be done in the case of shipping by merely increasing the profits tax. That by itself might lead simply to a further rise in freights. The Government must take the shipping industry itself, and make a system of co-ordination and control as would automatically bring profits down.

Let us take this opportunity of saying that we deliberately chose our illustration from the firm of Messrs. Hume and Co. for a very good reason. It was not, as the politicians characteristically suggested, with the object of "attacking" the President of the Board of Trade. On the contrary, we are quite ready to believe that Mr. Hume is one of the best of the Departmental Chiefs in the country. He is energetic, receptive, and courageous; while his earlier knowledge of shipping (which was instantly made) that a Minister's family business is on a plane apart from that of other men, and second because it provided Mr. Hume with a strong and easily verified case for solution. The firm of Hume and Co. has been exceedingly prosperous during the war; but no-one dreams of suggesting that the President of the Board of Trade is responsible for that. There are plenty of other shipping firms which are doing well, and it is not fair to share to the public revenue than they do at present.

We are glad to think that Mr. Hume has now taken the matter entirely in hand. The appointment of Lord Curzon's Committee is no doubt the first step towards a definite policy of realizing the objects which he laid down more than a fortnight ago in the House of Commons. They were, he said, to co-ordinate more closely the demand for tonnage for the most urgently necessary purposes—to secure further economy in the use of registered tonnage, and to increase the amount of tonnage available. These are precisely the objects of the scheme previously put forward by our Shipping Correspondent. He suggested an expert board to co-ordinate the movements of the existing ships and by this making a better use of the carrying space available, to increase the working tonnage.

We do not know what the powers of the new Committee are, they have not been long enough at work to produce any tangible results; but we take it that their functions are in effect those of the proposed Board of Control, applied, perhaps, through the Board of Trade. The idea of control has been soundly understood, though no valid criticism has been brought against the suggestion. We did not contemplate taking the management of a ship out of the owner's hands and deciding what it should take on board at this port and discharge that when on a voyage. This would be an immensely complicated and an invidious task. The idea is rather to divert ships from the loss of use to the more necessary trades, and to adjust their services to the new conditions. For instance, a regular line of steamers carrying cargo and passengers—let us say—New York and Australia might perhaps be cut down to a less frequent service and the released ships be sent where they are most wanted. These already stranded in their other capacity in the conveyance of necessities would not be interfered with at all.

But the plan of taking them over eventually on the basis we suggested, would result in returning to the public purse a much more adequate proportion of the huge sum now extracted from consumers by the excessive freights while leaving the owners a liberal profit according to all ordinary standards. If it had been decided in the early months of the war, it would have been the most timely and most successful move that would not seem a mere bagatelle.

JAPAN'S PRINCIPAL RAILWAY.

RECONSTRUCTION CONTEMPLATED.

The following despatch is from the Eastern News Agency (Japanese): The sum necessary to rebuild the railway as a broad gauge one between Tokyo and Shinjokai is Yen 554,000,000, while the estimate for the repairs of the line is Yen 238,000,000. Therefore, the Imperial Board of Railways of Japan has decided to effect the rebuilding of the line as a broad gauge railway and is waiting for the sanction of the Government.

THE DRAGON CHAIR.

TO BE KEPT IN IMPERIAL REPOSITORY.

The issue of the Mandate, announcing the postponement of the enthronement has brought all the Imperial preparations to a sudden standstill. Mr. Chu Obi-chien, the Minister of Interior, who is charged with the supervision of these preparations, has ordered his subordinates to remove the "accessories" to the Imperial Repository in the lower Palace to be kept until the arrival of the "opportune moment in the future."—Peking Gazette.

BEST MEDICINE MADE.

A BETTER medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration and assists nature in discharging the system to healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opiates and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.



## THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## FIGHTING IN THE MEUSE REGION.

## ANOTHER STRONG GERMAN ATTACK GENERALLY REPULSED.

Paris, Mar. 15.

Today's *communiqué* says: West of the Meuse the bombardment of heavy shells was rebuffed against our positions from Bethincourt to Chéniers.

The Germans in the afternoon launched their strongest attack in this sector. It was generally repulsed along the whole front with great losses. They gained a footing on only two points in our trenches between Bethincourt and Mort Homme.

Artillery has been active east of the Meuse and in Woëvre but there has been no infantry action.

North of Saint Mihiel our batteries bombarded large enemy gun emplacements and caused a great fire at the station and magazines of La Marche in Woëvre.

We shelled an enemy column between Bethincourt and Chéniers.

The artillery on both sides has been active in the Vosges.

We executed a successful *contre-attaque* at Stosswitz and Garschach.

The Germans north of the Meuse three times unsuccessfully attempted to penetrate our trenches in the Bois de Buttes.

Our artillery in Argonne effectively bombarded railways, roads and defences in the region of Mort Homme and Avocourt.

Eleven French aeroplanes dropped heavy bombs on the station at Buzelles.

Numerous air-fights occurred in the region of Verdun. Three German aeroplanes were seen to fall in the enemy lines.

A French machine was attacked by four German aeroplanes. It fought them, killed one and returned safely.

## THE BRITISH FRONT.

London, Mar. 15.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports: The enemy exploded two mines south of La Bassée Canal and near Neuve Chapelle respectively. One did some damage to a portion of a small salient.

We successfully bombarded the enemy trenches north of Ypres, and our gunners and machine-gunners last night drove off enemy working parties.

There has been considerable hostile artillery activity west of Lens.

## ITALIAN SUCCESSES AT SAN MARTINO.

Rome, Mar. 15.

A *communiqué* states: On the Isonzo front, despite torrential rains and fog, the Italian infantry made successful attacks at several points, notably in the San Martino district where, after rapid and violent artillery preparation, they carried a strong redoubt with the bayonet, capturing the defenders.

South-east of San Martino we captured an important pivot of defence and took altogether 254 prisoners and two machine guns.

## RUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

Bucharest, Mar. 15.

Rumania is enquiring into the arrest by Bulgarians of the commander of a body of Rumanian guards at Corabia when on a tour of inspection of the Danube.

## MURDER OF A BULGARIAN POLITICIAN.

Amsterdam, Mar. 15.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Bulgarian politician Tufekchiev, who was the principal instigator of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement, was murdered at Sofia on the 10th inst.

## THE CAMPAIGN IN EGYPT.

## BEDUIN DEMORALISED AND SURRENDERING.

London, Mar. 15.

An official telegram from Cairo states that Major-General Peyton occupies Sollum to-day. The Senussi camp at Maad is reported to be unoccupied and no opposition is expected.

The Beduin who joined Sayed Ahmed are demoralised and suffering greatly from hunger and disappointment.

Sheddi Zawiet has surrendered. The headmen of the Awladali tribe are asking for pardon.

Starving Beduin with their families are flocking into our lines for food and shelter, having been ill-treated by the Tripolitan Beduin brought into Egyptian territory by Sayed Ahmed.

## AUSTRIA AND PORTUGAL.

## DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN OFF.

Geneva, Mar. 15.

Austria has recalled her Minister from Lisbon and has handed passports to the Portuguese Minister at Vienna.

## SIR EDWARD GREY JUSTIFIES PORTUGAL'S ACTION.

London, Mar. 15.

Sir Edward Grey, speaking in the House of Commons, justified the requisitioning of the German ships by Portugal. He stated that at the beginning of the war Portugal declared that she would in no circumstances disregard the duties of her ancient alliance with Great Britain. Germany, who charged Portugal with a breach of neutrality, herself violated Angola, and attempted to stir up rebellion in Portuguese East Africa. Portugal might be assured that Great Britain and her Allies would render all assistance possible to their gallant confederate.

## A DUTCH WAR LOAN.

Amsterdam, Mar. 15.

The Dutch Lower House has approved a War Loan of 100,000,000 sterling.

## NO PREMIUM BONDS FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

London, Mar. 15.

Mr. McKenna, the Chancellor of Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that the Government has decided not to issue Premium Bonds.

## AIR DEFENCE OF LONDON AND PROVINCES.

London, Mar. 15.

In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant said the air defence of London was now complete on an agreed scale which was being applied to the provinces; but the standard of the air defence would be continually improved. The supply of aeroplanes is now satisfactory. British high-power engines which were coming forward would produce immediately a marked improvement.

We were now producing monthly as many pilots as were mobilised at the outbreak of war, and the number would be largely increased in the future. He paid a tribute to the work of the territorialists in all theatres of the war, as well as to the Sanitary Corps and hospital staffs.

Mr. Tennant read a message from Sir Douglas Haig saying that the men were most comfortably provided for, were of good heart and health and were confident of victory (cheers). The men realised what they owed to the Navy.

## RUB IT IN.

A GOOD many people think rheumatism can not be cured without taking nauseous medicine. Chamberlain's Pain Balm managed thoroughly into the skin has cured far more rheumatism than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## RED CROSS HELP IN MESOPOTAMIA.

London, Mar. 15.

A joint committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem have been in close touch for the past fortnight with the India Office and the War Office with reference to provisioning further Red Cross help in Mesopotamia.

Large consignments of hospital stores and comforts have already been shipped to Basra and more will be despatched this week.

Among the goods already sent are an ample supply of dressing, 10,000 square yards of wire mosquito-netting and ice-making machines.

The committee have also sent to the Gulf shallow-draught river boats for the Tigris. Further suitable boats are being transferred from the Mediterranean.

Lord Riddell, Vice-Chairman of the Red Cross Society, has just returned from Salonika, where he has been with the committee as Commissioner. He leaves on Thursday as Commissioner to Mesopotamia, proceeding to India in the "Kaiser-i-Hind."

The Committee have been officially informed that with regard to the recent operations the General Officer Commanding had reported that he was extremely satisfied with the arrangements for the wounded on the field and their removal. All the wounded in the fighting on the 9th were collected by the night of the 9th. All requiring transference to general or base hospitals were despatched down stream by the 11th.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(With Free Press Service.)

## THE YUNNAN-KWELCHOW REVOLT.

Peking, Mar. 15.

Military Councillor Yin Hong Far has been appointed to Kwangtung to investigate military affairs. Lung Kang Kong, Military Commissioner of Canton, has reported that his army has entered Yunnan. Yuan Shi Kai has conferred on him the title of Hoimoo General.

Lung Kin Cheong, former governor of Kwelchow, has had an interview with Yuan Shi Kai, and proposed schemes for suppressing the Yunnan rebels.

Tong Kin Sing, son of the former manager and founder of the China Merchants S. N. Co., has been accused of being in league with revolutionists, and is being escorted from Shanghai to Peking.

The Second Division, under Commander Cheong Kwong Yuen, has been ordered to proceed to Hunan.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE LULL AT VERDUN.

Paris, Mar. 14.

The lull at Verdun finds the position generally unchanged, compared with nine days ago. The French do not believe that the Germans have definitely abandoned the offensive, as they have still 100,000 fresh troops to be hung into the furnace at the behest of the Kaiser, but the French calmly and confidently await the next move, at whatever point it is directed.

Experts are of opinion that after the sanguinary repulse of the initial attacks the Germans may try surprises on the wings. The two most important positions on the battlefield are Mort Homme, on the West of the Meuse, and Douaumont, on the east bank of the Meuse. The Germans gained some ground at Bethincourt and in Crows Wood, which are the outlying positions of Mort Homme, but the principal position has not yet been attacked, while the Germans at Douaumont are struggling to maintain a salient.

## THE ALLEGED GERMAN CAPTURES AT VERDUN.

Paris, Mar. 14.

A French official announcement says that the total prisoners claimed by the Germans at Verdun are double the number of French killed, wounded and unwounded prisoners. The French lost only 84 guns, many of which were useless, whereas the number of German guns destroyed is very large.

## AUSTRIAN FRIGHTFULNESS.

Rome, Mar. 14.

The Governor of Bologna announces that the Austrian air raiders on the 13th February dropped packages of sweets, which, when analysed, were found to contain germs of contagious diseases.

## OPPOSITION TO PRE-MATURE PEACE.

LORD FISHER SAYS VICTORY MEANS "A NEW EARTH."

London, Mar. 14.

The Lord Mayor presided at a meeting at the Mansion House in support of the "Fight for the Right" movement, whose object is the opposing of premature peace.

Mr. Balfour wrote warmly sympathising with the object of the meeting. Admiral Lord Fisher said the self-governing Dominions had steeled their hearts to every sacrifice to win the war. Victory would mean a new Heaven and a new earth.

The Bishop of Winchester, the Chief Rabbi, and Monsignor Drew supported the resolution.

## GALLIOLI OPERATIONS.

## OFFICERS DECORATED FOR SERVICES.

London, Mar. 14.

Among the Naval officers mentioned in despatches on the Gallipoli operations are Rear-Admirals Thursby, Christian, and Stuart-Nicholson, practically all the Captains engaged, fifteen midshipmen, and eight trawler-skippers, while there are "mentioned" in connection with the evacuation Rear-Admiral Fremantle and 32 others of various ranks.

Twenty-seven Distinguished Service Orders are awarded, the recipients including Assistant Paymaster R. F. Hood. A number of Distinguished Service Crosses are awarded, among the recipients being ten midshipmen and four trawler skippers. The commander of the famous transport *River Clyde* has also been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Colonel Walker Campbell and Lieut. Colonel A. Lynden-Bell have been gazetted Major-Generals in connection with the evacuation.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir A. Munro is awarded the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George (G.C.M.G.) in connection with the evacuation, and Major-General F. J. Davies is created a Knight Commander of that Order (K.C.M.G.), while the following have been appointed Companions of the Order (C.M.G.):—Colonel Robert Tudor, Major H. E. Street (Artillery), A. C. McNulty (Army Service Corps), and C. F. Aspinall (Munster Fusiliers). Major-General Altham, Byng, and Godley have been made Knight Commanders of the Order of the Bath (K.C.B.) and Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Macdonald and C. B. White (Australians) have been appointed Companions of the Bath (C.B.).

## FULFILMENT OF LORD DERBY'S PLEDGE.

London, Mar. 14.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George expressed the hope that the revision of the lists of reserved occupations would secure the fulfilment of Lord Derby's pledge.

It is understood that in the revision married men will receive special consideration.

## MARRIED MEN'S UNION.

London, Mar. 14.

It has been decided to establish a Union of married men who have attested at Manchester.

## MR. GIBSON BOWLES' NEW PLATFORM.

London, Mar. 14.

Mr. Gibson Bowles will contest Harborough on behalf of the attested married men, in opposition to Mr. Percy Harris (Liberal).

## "STARRED" OCCUPATIONS REVISED.

London, Mar. 14.

The War Office announces that the Committee which is revising the list of "starred" occupations, except the list of those employed on railways and in collieries, recommends that the exemption of men claiming responsible positions in occupations connected with the export trades be limited to married men over 30 years of age; that reserved bachelors be released for service; and that luxury occupations be deleted from reservation.

## GERMANY'S NEW LOAN.

## FAST PROGRESS TO NATIONAL DISASTER.

London, Mar. 14.

Neutral financiers declare that owing to the pitiable condition of the small capitalists Germany's new Loan will be merely a banking affair, namely, the conversion of Government bills into Government securities. They are of opinion that this system means fast progress toward national disaster.

## MESOPOTAMIA MISMANAGEMENT.

London, Mar. 14.

The *Times* to-day publishes a leading article animadverting on the arrangements in Mesopotamia, especially medical defects.

## COCOA FROM THE CAMEROONS.

London, Mar. 14.

Four hundred tons of cocoa have arrived from the Cameroons.

## FRENCH SAILORS AT LISBON.

London, Mar. 14.

French sailors who have arrived here were accorded an ovation.

## AMERICAN EXPEDITION TO MEXICO.

## EFFECT ON THE MUNITIONS FACTORIES.

Washington, Mar. 14.

President Carranza has accepted American co-operation, provided his troops are allowed to cross the frontier in pursuit of the brigands. The United States has agreed to this.

The War Department recognises that months must elapse before General Villa's band is broken up.

The managers of the munitions factories which large Government orders have been placed state that these will not interfere with their contracts with the Allies.

## THE TREASURER-GENERAL OF PERSIA.

Petrograd, Mar. 14.

The Persian Government has re-appointed M. Hunsens as Treasurer-General. He resigned last March as the result of German intrigues.

## REASONS FOR A RESIGNATION.

London, Mar. 14.

Major-General Long resigned the post of Director of Supplies owing to differences of opinion on the question of administration.

## NEW BATTALION COMMANDER.

London, Mar. 14.

Colonel William Lowry (retired Indian Army) has been appointed to command a battalion of the Lincolnshire.

## ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ ILL.

Amsterdam, Mar. 14.

Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is ill.

## MR. ASQUITH INDISPOSED.

London, Mar. 14.

Mr. Asquith is suffering from bronchial catarrh, and is unable to attend the House of Commons.

## ARGENTINE WHEAT HARVEST.

Buenos Aires, Mar. 14.

The wheat harvest is estimated at 4,698,800 tons.

## (Havas Service.)

## ACTIVITY ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Petrograd, Mar. 4.

Artillery has been very active in numerous sectors.

In Galicia we captured a small enemy outpost with thirty men.

In Persia, during the operations which took place at Kermanshah, we captured eight guns.

## To-day's Advertisements

## NOTICE.

THE Women of Hongkong are offering a HIGH ENTERTAINMENT to the crews of H. M. ships now in the Harbour on SATURDAY, March 18th.

(By kind permission of Admiral Anstruther)

Tea, City Hall, 4.30 P.M.  
Donations of \$1.00 or upward will be thankfully received by Mr. N. J. STARR, Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1916. 438

## NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that SEALED TENDERS in Duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR LEASE OF OLD LAND OFFICE BUILDING," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of MONDAY, the 3rd April, 1916, for the lease of the two-story building formerly occupied by the Land Office, adjoining the Old Supreme Court, from 1st May, 1916, to 31st December, 1918, subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the Office of the Director of Public Works. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the above-mentioned conditions, should the tender be accepted. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works. The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

W. CHATHAM,  
Director of Public Works,  
Public Works Office,  
Hongkong, March 16, 1916. 434

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## A FAMILY NECESSITY.

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## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ROUTE MARCH, MARCH 24TH.

All ranks will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Friday, March 24th, for Route March through the Western Police District, Uniform with Belts.

All Patrolmen will be relieved from Patrol duty that night, and will attend this Parade.

MUSKETEER PART II.

P.C.s of the following Companies who have fired Ranges A to D will fire Ranges E and F on Sunday, March 19th, leaving Ranges G and H on Monday, March 20th.

9.00 a.m.—No. 2 Company  
 11.30 a.m.—No. 3 Company  
 2.30 p.m.—No. 1 Company (G and H)

Inspectors Alver, Wei Wing Sam, and Sirdar Khan will each wear six N.O.s. for range duties when their respective Companies are firing.

PLATOON PARADE.

No. 2 Platoon, No. 1 Company. The men who paraded on Tuesday, March 14th, will parade at Water Police Station at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, March 17th, in Uniform with Caps.

CHEUNG PARADE.

No. 2 Company will parade at Central at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19th. Uniform: Helms with Spikes. No rifles.

RAISE PRICES.

Friday, March 17th, at 6.15 sharp.

NEW MEMBERS AND NO. 4 COMPANY.

The following will attend in uniform at Central Square Drill on Tuesday, Thursday, March 21st, and Friday, March 22nd.

1. O. Roberts, Wilson, Tobias, Maffood, S. Moore, A. Haes, Caldwell, Ray, R. A. Remedios, T. E. Rocha.

The whole of No. 4 Company will also attend. Chief Inspector Mason, Sergeant Major Roylance, and Staff Inspector Mackenzie will attend each night.

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Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Service to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape d'Agulhas Radio Telegraph Station—Mails: Yokohama Maru.

Inward Mails.

Europe (English Mail), 16th Mar.

Europe, (London 18th Feb. via Siberia), 16th Mar.

Mails will close for: SAIGON.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 16th at 11.42—Pressure has decreased slightly over N. Japan and increased moderately over the Bonins, the depression having passed into the Pacific. Elsewhere changes since yesterday are insignificant.

Fresh monsoon may be expected at the end of the month, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.90 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on March 17th—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, fresh; fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, March 16, 1916.

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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MARCH 16, 1916.

OFFICIAL MORNING QUOTATIONS.

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